The Kingis Maiesteis Proclamatioun beiring the verie occasioun of the present incūming of the Inglis forces, with his hienes commandement for thair gude Intreatment and freindly vsage.

IAMES be the grace of God King of Scottis, To our Louittis William Bryson Maſar, Meſſingeris our Schireffis in that part cōiunctly and ſeuerallie ſpeciallie cōſtitute greting. Forſamekle as it is not vnknawin to all the gude ſubiectis of this our Realme, quhat greit gude will and freindſchip our deareſt ſiſter the Quene of Ingland (being Princeſſe in the warld neireſt to vs baith be blude and habitatioum) hes declarit not onlie towartis vs and the preſeruatioū of our Innocent perſoun euer ſen our birth, Bot als quhat cair, trauellis, and charges our ſaid deareſt ſiſter hes takin, borne, and ſuſtenit for the ſaifrie and preſeruatioun of this our Realme in the auld ancient libertie, far aboue the cuſtome of ony hir predeceſſouris. For it is not to be forgottin bot thankfullie to be remēberit how euin with the beginning of hir Regne (werr thā ſtāding betuix thir twa realmes) firſt of all a godlie peace was maid and concludit, quhilk to this time hes happely continewit to the pleaſure of God and greit commoditie of this countrie. As alſwa how ſchortlie thairefter this our Realme being in danger of the Frenche conqueſt, and Chriſtiane Religioun thairin likly to haue bene vtterly ſuppreſſit, be our ſaid deareſt ſiſteris forces and ayd ſend to the aſſege of Leyth the ſtrangeris wir expellit and the ſtait of Religioun and libertie of the coūtrie preſeruit, in the quilk actioun neither hir treaſure nor the blude and lyfis of hir pepil wer ſpairit. The lyke cair weil appeirit in hir quhen be hir forces direct in this our Realme in the Moneth of Maij, the zeir of God ane thouſand fyue hundreth thre ſcoir and ten zeiris, the conſpiratouris quilkis pretendit our depoſitioun from our Royall Crowne and to erect ane vther authoritie, wer proſligat & diſapointit, and our Caſtel of Glaſgow than aſſegit be thame ſuccourit & releuit. Our ſaid deareſt ſiſter neuer taking or occupying ony ſtrenth, hald, or fute of ground in Scotlād, bot that quhilk ſcho hes bene alwayes willing to rander to the awneris, vpō na vther conditioū ſaulfing thair returning to our obedience & ſuretie for continewance thairat. And ſen that tyme it is weill knawin quhat trauellis and cair ſcho hes takin be hir Ambaſſadouris letteris and Meſſages to haue our haill Realme quietit to our obedīēce. Quhairin hir labouris and mediatioun hes at Goddis pleaſure takin gude ſucceſſe, our haill Realme in effect being reducit to the acknawledgeing of our Authoritie, and in the place of the lang ciuile & inteſtine weir, gude peace reſtorit ouer all the countrie: our Caſtell of Edinburgh only exceptit. Quhilk being put in the truſt & cuſtodie of Williame Kirkcaldy ſumtyme of Grange Knicht to our vſe & behufe be vmquhyle our deareſt Couſing James Erle of Murray our Regent for the tyme of worthy memorie, the ſad Williame vnmyndfull of his treuth and promyſit alledgeance, hes be the ſpace of twa zeiris with the mair now bypaſt be the meanes of the ſame Caſtell raiſit and continewit the ſaid ciuile and Inteſtine weir agains our Royall eſtait & authoritie, To the diſturbance of Chriſtiane Religioun, the Lawis, policie, and haill commoun weill of our Realme, and reiecting the godlie pacificatioun quhilkis the cheif Nobill men & vthuris returning to our obedience hes reſſauit, procedis in contempteous rebellioun and weir, greitly annoying our Burgh of Edinburgh being the cheif ſait of Juſtice, and doing beſydis quhat in him lyis to procure and draw ſtrangeris in this our Realme for ſuppreſſing of Religioun, our eſtait, and troubling the quyetnes of this haill Ile. And ſeing our principall Ordinance, Powder, Bullettis, and munitionnis ar detenit within our ſaid Caſtell, and vſit and ſpent aganis vs and our gude ſubiectis, our ſayd deareſt ſiſter hes bene erniſtly requyrit be our richt traiſt Couſing James Erle of Mortoun Lord Dalkeith Regēt to vs our Realme and liegis and Nobilitie of this our Realme, for ayd and ſuccouris of men, ordinance and munitioun, to the expugnatioun, aſſege, and recouerie of our ſaid Caſtell. Quhilk ſcho hes fauourabillie & liberallie grantit, efter all gude meanis vſit to haue brocht the perſounis being within our ſaid Caſtell to our obedience be treatie, Bot the ſame contemptit be thame and reiectit, hes now preparit and cauſit put hir forces in full reddines to enter in this our Realme, to be fully employed for the mantenance and furthſetting of our Authoritie, in aſſegeing of our ſaid Caſtell, that the ſame being recouerit, may immediatlie and indilaitlie be delyuerit (with the ordinance, munitioun, Royal place, Jowellis, Wardrop, and houſhald ſtuf, and with the Regiſteris and recordis belanging to vs & our Crown) to vs and our ſaid Regent in our name & to our behufe. And ſwa thairby peace reſtorit to our ſaid Burgh of Edinburgh and our haill Realme in our obedience, without ony vther pretēſe, meaning, or Intentioun in our ſaid deareſt ſiſter, or in Schir Williame Drurie Knicht, Generall of hir ſaidis forces. ¶ OVR will is heirfoir, and we charge zow ſtraitlie and commandis, that Incontinent thir our letteris ſene ze pas & in our Name and Authoritie mak publicatioun heirof at the mercat Croce of our Burgh of Edinburgh, & all vther places nedefull, that nane pretend Ignorance of the ſame, or ſiniſterlie deprave and miſreport our ſaid deareſt ſiſteris freindly and fauourabill Intētioun. And that ze command and charge all and ſundrie our liegis, that thay and euerie ane of thame thankfully reſſaue the Generall of hir forces, and haill perſounis being vnder his charge, and to ſchaw & gif to thame all fauour and gude intreatment in ludgeing, meit, drinke, & vtheris their neceſſaris vpon thair reſſonabill charges, vnraſand the preſent prices in ony thing. And that nane tak vpon hand to do to thame or ony of thame harme, greif, iniurie, or vncurteſie in bodyis or gudes be word, deid, or countenance, vnder the pane of deid. Certifying thame that failzeis, they ſalbe repute and eſtemit as ſeditious and wickit Inſtrumētis, hinderaris of our ſeruice and obedience, fauouraris and pertakaris with the declarit Tratouris and Rebellis being within our ſaid Caſtell, and the pane of deid ſalbe execute vpon thame with all Rigour in exempill of vtheris. The quhilk to do we commit to zow coniunctlie and ſeuerallie our full power, be thir our letteris delyuering thame be zow dewlie execute and Indorſat agane to the berare. Geuin vnder our Signet at Halyruidhous the xiij. day of Iuyle, and of our Regne the ſept zeir. 1573. *A° 15 Elizabethi*

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